

# ARKANSAS

## WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



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### \* *Planting Corn/Sorghum/and Fertilizing Pastures*

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**RELEASED:** April 15, 2002 3:00 p.m.- Temperatures were slightly above normal for the week with little rain falling during the end of the week according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Field preparations and planting activities are in full swing as fields dry. 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 37 percent surplus.

**CROPS:** Planting corn, sorghum and rice. Fertilizer is being applied to wheat, hay and pastures. Cotton and rice field preparation has begun. Row crop planting is behind but catching up quickly. Commercial tomatoes are 90% planted.

**LIVESTOCK:** Cattle producers were working cattle and continuing to feed hay. Cattle were in good condition with calves being weaned. Pastures are being fertilized and other weed control measures being applied.

### Crop Progress and Conditions

| Progress %    |                 |                  |                   | Condition %  |      |      |      |           |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| CROP<br>Stage | Current<br>Week | Previous<br>Year | 5 Year<br>Average | Very<br>Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| SORGHUM       |                 |                  |                   |              |      |      |      |           |
| Planted       | 18              | 34               | 18                |              |      |      |      |           |
| CORN          |                 |                  |                   |              |      |      |      |           |
| Planted       | 40              | 79               | 63                |              |      |      |      |           |
| RICE          |                 |                  |                   |              |      |      |      |           |
| Planted       | 10              | 23               | 12                |              |      |      |      |           |
| WHEAT         |                 |                  |                   | 4            | 18   | 34   | 38   | 6         |
| Headed        | 2               | 6                | 26                |              |      |      |      |           |
| OTH. HAY      |                 |                  |                   | 0            | 1    | 52   | 44   | 3         |
| PASTURE       |                 |                  |                   | 1            | 7    | 42   | 44   | 6         |

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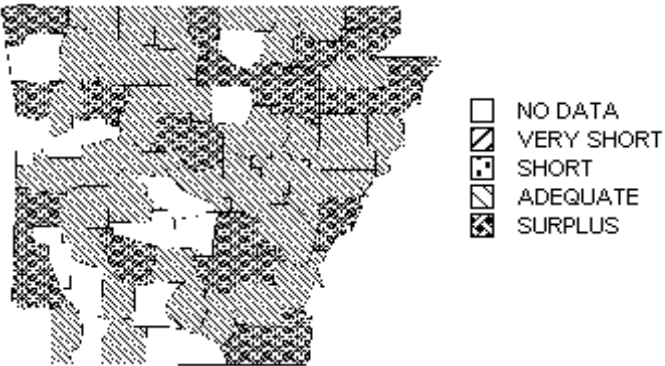
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

April 14, 2002. Temperatures were several degrees above normal for the week, with rainfall much above normal in the west and northwest. Hot Springs and North Little Rock recorded the high temperature of 88<sup>0</sup> and Fayetteville recorded the low temperature of 37<sup>0</sup>. Precipitation ranged from a high of 7.03 inches at Fort Smith and a low of 0.08 inch at Brinkley.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: April 14, 2002

| DISTRICT<br>AND<br>STATION | TEMPERATURES |     |                             | RAINFALL                 |                          |               |               |        |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
|                            | HIGH         | LOW | DEPARTURE<br>FROM<br>NORMAL | WEEK<br>ENDING<br>APR 14 | CURRENT<br>APR<br>ACCUM. | APR<br>NORMAL | JANUARY-MARCH |        |
|                            |              |     |                             |                          |                          |               |               |        |
|                            |              |     |                             |                          |                          |               | 2002          | NORMAL |
| 1 Fayetteville             | 81           | 37  | 3                           | 4.93                     | 4.93                     | 4.33          | 10.23         | 8.72   |
| Harrison                   | 84           | 43  | 3                           | 6.18                     | 6.18                     | 4.09          | 11.85         | 9.51   |
| 2 Calico Rock              | 87           | 38  | 6                           | 2.41                     | 2.41                     | 4.36          | 19.64         | 10.43  |
| Greers Ferry               | 85           | 43  | 5                           | 1.87                     | 1.87                     | 5.02          | 16.62         | 11.94  |
| Mountain Home              | 84           | 47  | 6                           | 3.76                     | 3.76                     | 4.13          | 18.13         | 10.22  |
| 3 Batesville               | 83           | 43  | 4                           | 1.95                     | 2.05                     | 4.76          | 15.06         | 11.10  |
| Jonesboro                  | 82           | 46  | 6                           | 0.94                     | 1.54                     | 4.99          | 14.72         | 11.30  |
| Keiser                     | 85           | 44  | 5                           | 0.12                     | 0.12                     | 4.90          | 17.32         | 12.34  |
| Newport                    | 85           | 47  | 5                           | 1.09                     | 1.09                     | 5.01          | 14.84         | 11.63  |
| 4 Booneville               | 86           | 47  | 3                           | 4.28                     | 4.28                     | 4.32          | 18.53         | 10.38  |
| Clarksville                | 85           | 46  | 6                           | 3.46                     | 3.46                     | 4.48          | 19.85         | 10.20  |
| Dardanelle                 | 86           | 46  | 3                           | 2.84                     | 3.03                     | 4.24          | 15.59         | 10.94  |
| Ft. Smith                  | 85           | 49  | 4                           | 7.03                     | 7.17                     | 3.91          | 17.03         | 8.90   |
| Mena                       | 82           | 43  | 4                           | 3.51                     | 3.76                     | 5.20          | 17.28         | 12.13  |
| Ozark                      | 83           | 46  | 4                           | 5.62                     | 5.62                     | 3.63          | 21.04         | 10.03  |
| 5 Conway                   | 87           | 46  | 3                           | 0.69                     | 0.69                     | 5.00          | 18.28         | 11.20  |
| Hot Springs                | 88           | 45  | 5                           | 0.98                     | 0.98                     | 5.31          | 16.91         | 12.94  |
| Little Rock                | 85           | 46  | 4                           | 0.61                     | 0.72                     | 5.47          | 15.37         | 11.82  |
| N Little Rock              | 88           | 54  | 7                           | 0.70                     | 0.86                     | 5.03          | 15.58         | 11.52  |
| 6 Brinkley                 | 83           | 47  | 5                           | 0.08                     | 0.24                     | 5.19          | 16.64         | 12.45  |
| Marianna                   | 82           | 50  | 4                           | 0.15                     | 0.15                     | 5.30          | 16.67         | 13.62  |
| Stuttgart                  | 85           | 49  | 4                           | 0.28                     | 0.28                     | 5.29          | 17.20         | 12.31  |
| 7 Hope                     | 82           | 47  | 4                           | 1.86                     | 1.87                     | 4.89          | 17.26         | 13.12  |
| Texarkana                  | 84           | 48  | 3                           | 2.95                     | 2.95                     | 3.95          | 14.15         | 10.97  |
| 8 Camden                   | 84           | 48  | 4                           | 1.00                     | 1.00                     | 4.63          | 11.29         | 13.82  |
| El Dorado                  | 83           | 48  | 3                           | 2.81                     | 2.88                     | 4.55          | 13.80         | 14.32  |
| Warren                     | 82           | 48  | 3                           | 1.19                     | 1.22                     | 5.13          | 14.79         | 15.48  |
| 9 Eudora                   | 84           | 44  | 1                           | 2.38                     | 2.88                     | 6.15          | 21.13         | 16.72  |
| Pine Bluff                 | 85           | 50  | 3                           | 0.35                     | 0.35                     | 5.14          | 19.20         | 13.29  |
| Rohwer                     | 81           | 49  | 3                           | 0.86                     | 0.89                     | 5.07          | 16.85         | 14.61  |